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Sunshine House, Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Sunshine House, Dunnings Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

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Court Grange Special School for Blind Children, Abbotskerswell, South Devon.

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Worcester College for the Blind, Worcester.

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The Alfred Eichholz Memorial Clinic and Institute of Massage and Physiotherapy by the Blind,  
204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

Convalescent and Holiday Home, "Bannow," Quarry Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

Holiday Home, "The Haven," Holbeck Hill, Scarborough, Yorkshire.

Residential Home for the Deaf-Blind, "Westlands," Cold Bath Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire.

Guest House for Blind Women, "Bloomfield," Brandon Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Home for Blind Women, "Wavertree House," Furze Hill, Hove, Sussex.

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Report of the Executive Council  
of the  
**National Institute for the Blind**  
for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1940

THE period covered by this Report comprises five months of peace and seven months of war. Those first five months seem far away now, but it is in their light that our Report is made because our work for the blind, we are thankful to say, has gone on unchanged. The much abbreviated form of this Report is a sign of the changed conditions which have confronted all engaged in social service with unprecedented difficulties, but its contents will, we hope, satisfy our supporters that the Institute's work has neither diminished nor slackened. This is as it should be, because the war multiplies the demand on our services. War conditions intensify the handicap of blindness and the task of relieving it, and it is unfortunately certain that during the war the number of blind persons will be increased.

Many blind people are to-day playing their part ungrudgingly in the national effort, as masseurs, craftsmen, typists, telephonists, teachers, etc., and new fields of employment for the blind are bound to open as the call for man-power grows. The nation simply cannot afford to waste a single pair of skilled hands. All the employable blind will therefore need the appliances, the training and the personal service which the Institute can give.

At a time when war can strike instantaneously at the big cities and when the production of dangerous explosives has grown to vast proportions, the risks of incurring injury to sight have enormously increased. We have made a careful study of the possible problems of the war-blinded and, in conjunction with the Joint Blind Welfare Committee of the County Councils Association and the Association of Municipal Corporations, we have secured the approval of the Minister of Health to a national scheme for extending existing facilities for blind welfare to men, women and children who may be blinded as a result of air raids or hostile operations in this country. The Minister has already arranged to meet the whole cost of the Hospital treatment to such cases. Any civilians who go to the St. Dunstan's Hospital, Brighton, to be treated with military cases, will receive

some preliminary rehabilitation while under medical treatment there, but the task of re-educating them in their blindness, and of helping them adapt themselves without sight to lives of full usefulness, will be undertaken by the Institute in conjunction with all Local Societies and Regional Bodies and with the responsible Local Authorities.

This scheme will necessitate the establishment throughout the country of Residential Training Centres, and in order that they may, when needed, be suitably staffed, the question of personnel has received our immediate attention. We have opened a Register of War Workers for the Blind from which paid or voluntary workers may be drawn as required, either for service in the Centres or as helpers to the war-blinded when they return to their own homes. Hundreds have enrolled and we hope that the Register will provide not only adequate assistance for the war-blinded but a permanent addition to voluntary blind welfare service. We shall be happy to supply copies of the Enrolment Form on request.

This very brief survey of how the war has affected our work will, we believe, convince friends how urgently we need their help. To each of them we should like to say personally: "We thank you deeply for the support which you have given in the past; we trust to you implicitly for the support which we know that you will try to give now and in the future."

Three of the enclosed forms enable immediate help to be given, and we draw the particular attention of our readers to the benefits of the Covenanted Subscription Form. The fourth and fifth forms, Forms of Bequest, ensure help to the blind in the future. The value of legacies is inestimable, and we beg all our friends in these days of uncertainty to make certain by will or codicil of the continuance of their help to the work which we know they have so much at heart.

We now proceed to give concise details of the main divisions of our work and of the progress made during the year under review.

## SUNSHINE HOMES FOR BLIND BABIES

THE Sunshine Homes are residential nursery schools for blind infants. The Homes at East Grinstead and Southport are for blind babies, otherwise normal, from birth to seven years of age; the Home at Leamington is for backward blind babies, who may be retained until the age of nine. There are usually about 30 babies at each Home, but since September, 1939, the East Grinstead Home has, in addition, taken in 12 blind babies evacuated from London.

At these Homes blind babies are brought up in an environment of affection and activity. It is essential that all members of both domestic and teaching staffs must love their little charges and be keenly interested in them. The secret of training blind babies lies in three words—sympathy, interest, patience. When the minds behind the unseeing eyes are also clouded, then the sympathy must be more intense, the interest more demonstrative, the patience more unwearying.

Normal blind babies are just as interested

in their surroundings as other children, but whereas the seeing child picks up hundreds of impressions in a day simply by watching, the blind child must seek for the meaning of sounds heard and things touched. Those around them must be constantly and carefully explaining, for the casual gestures and clipped phrases of the seeing world are of no use to the blind.

The experience of the babies at the Sunshine Homes is not confined by nursery, schoolroom or garden walls. The whole house, with its wealth of fascinating business—washing, cooking, cleaning, moving—is open to them, and far beyond—in the streets, buses, railway stations, shops, theatres—lie the objects of adventurous exploration. Lessons, too, are mostly exciting and dramatic games. Add to these exceptional features the benefits of good food, fresh air and fond care, and it can well be seen that Sunshine babies are well equipped when they enter the more competitive life of the elementary schools.

## COURT GRANGE SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN

THIS school for the education of the less-gifted of our blind children has fortunately been unaffected by the war. Decided progress has been made in adapting the school to its special function of building up character, initiative and self-confidence. New pupils are generally found to be nervous and discouraged in their unequal battle with life, and the principal aim of the school is to restore to them their self-respect and happiness.

A new feature which has contributed much towards this object is the Pets' House where the children can be taught that lovable little creatures—guinea-pigs, rabbits, tame rats and white mice—are dependent on them for their

daily food and drink. This awakens their sense of responsibility, a most important step forward.

Physical training has been expanded, and it says much for the bodily condition of the children that not one was inconvenienced by the severe weather of last winter. Their good physique is largely due to the strict attention paid to diet and remedial work, and to the pure air of the lovely countryside. But the children are not "buried in the country"; apart from joining in the active life of the village they make frequent contact with town life.

Every Sunday all the children go to Morning Service and during the year nine of them have been confirmed.

## SCHOOL JOURNEY CENTRE AND HOLIDAY HOME

BLIND children took full advantage last summer of "Pirates Spring," the model, sun-bathed structure erected by the Institute near the sea wall between Dymchurch and New Romney and overlooking extensive sands. The visitors between May and August were eight School Journey parties, consisting of 204 children in all; the babies and staff of Sunshine House, East Grinstead, for a fortnight

in May; 13 children for the Easter holidays, and 57 children for the summer holidays.

At the outbreak of war, the Home was placed at the disposal of the London County Council for evacuation purposes; and from September, 1939, until the end of the period under review, it has been occupied by the boys and staff of the Linden Lodge School for Blind Boys, South London.



THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS: I.

At her desk in the garden at one of the Sunshine Homes a little girl begins to learn how to see by means of the delicate touch of her fingers.

## CHORLEYWOOD COLLEGE FOR GIRLS WITH LITTLE OR NO SIGHT

IN the earlier months of 1939 the spirit of international amity was strongly evident at the College. It welcomed an unusual number of visitors from abroad, including two who stayed awhile, one from Norway and one from Germany. Old Girls, too, seemed to be travelling more than usual, and letters from them came from Cyprus, Jamaica, Germany and British Columbia. But then the war came.

In August the College was opened to receive pupils before evacuation became general, and the first weeks of September before term started were a strange compound of holiday-making, blacking-out, and practice retirements to the air raid shelter. But once term started school

life surprisingly soon became normal.

During the year pupils' successes included a Higher Certificate and entrance to Westfield College, two School Certificates leading on to the Institute's Massage School, Advanced Typewriting and Shorthand Certificates of the Royal Society of Arts, Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society, and various successes in the examinations of the Royal Schools of Music.

Old Girls have started in teaching posts, parochial and secretarial work, and massage practice. A Reunion of the Old Girls Association at the end of July brought the majority together for some very happy days.

## WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND

IT was fortunate that at the outbreak of war the new wing to the College was completed, as it enabled the College to give hospitality to 45 boys who were evacuated from the Birmingham School for the Blind. The two schools have maintained their separate identities and programmes of work, and for many reasons the College and the Institute will regret the departure of the Birmingham boys which is necessitated by an exceptionally large entry of new boys to the College next autumn.

Eight candidates out of 11 gained the School Certificate last summer. Some of these are now reading for the Higher Certificate, others are concentrating on shorthand-typing for the Royal Society of Arts examinations. On the

games side, the holding of two swimming matches with neighbouring schools was a new development. In rowing, the College crews for the first time for many years were beaten by the Old Boys' crews during the Speech Day celebrations. A record gathering of Old Boys attended during the week, and on Speech Day the guest of honour was Dr. A. D. Lindsay, Master of Balliol College, of which one of the Old Boys is a Fellow.

Of pupils who have left during the year, one has gone to Oxford as the holder of the Barker Scholarship at Queen's College and one to the Knutsford Ordination Test School prior to going to Lichfield Theological College; two have gone to the Institute's School of Massage.

## STUDENTS' LIBRARY AND BRAILLE MANUSCRIPT DEPARTMENT

A LIBRARY of 15,000 Braille volumes, constituting transcriptions of works, however complex and abstruse, needed by blind students for the professions, has been built up by 150 voluntary Braille writers. These devoted workers have, during the year, added 700 volumes to the Library, including Fowler's *Dictionary of Modern English Usage*, Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, *The Oxford Book of Latin Verse*, St. Augustine's *City of God*, and Jones's *Solicitor's Clerk*. One volunteer alone, Mr. W. Knight, has transcribed 59 volumes, a wonderful achievement. The unique feature of the Library is that it is of equal value to every student, because if a book required is not in the Library, it is added to it immediately to meet that individual need. During the year, 3,245 volumes have been circulated.

The Department responsible for the Library helps blind students and the blind generally in several other ways. More than 1,000 sheets of examination papers of various examining bodies and schools were transcribed for blind candidates during the year. Extracts from reviews and learned journals have been transcribed for members of the Braille Reading Club as far away as Western Canada. When war broke out, the Department took over for the Government the censoring of all letters, periodicals and books in Braille sent to foreign countries, those examined including scripts in French, Italian, Spanish, German and Esperanto; and it has undertaken Braille instruction classes for volunteers who have enrolled themselves on the Register of War Workers for the Blind.



THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS: II.

Boys at Worcester College voyage round the world as the master steers their hands over ridged continents and smooth seas.

## MASSAGE SERVICES—SCHOOL, SETTLEMENT AND CLINICS

QUALIFIED blind masseurs and masseuses were amongst the first who volunteered for national service on the outbreak of war. The large majority enlisted in the Chartered Society's Massage Corps for either mobile or immobile service and are ready at any moment to take up war work. At the same time, every student at the Institute's Massage School expressed a wish to continue intensive training in London; arrangements were accordingly made, with the help of voluntary drivers, to take the students to and from the School by car, and all A.R.P. and first-aid requirements were completed. The spirit of masseurs and students alike has been beyond praise.

There have been 32 students in training during the year; 7 have qualified in Massage, 7 in Remedial Exercises, and 4 in Electrotherapy. In spite of war conditions, the Massage Settlement Service has enabled 16 post-graduates to secure hospital and clinic

appointments and 5 to start in private practice.

The Evening Massage and Electrical Clinic, which provides senior blind students with the necessary clinical experience, has functioned throughout the year. Owing to the difficulty of patients attending in the evenings during the "black-out" months, it was decided to put forward the hour and open the Clinic from 2 to 7 p.m. This arrangement was satisfactory and additional hospitals have sent patients to the Clinic. The attendances during the year were 5,492; treatments, 9,905; medical examinations, 334.

The Eichholz Clinic was severely affected at the beginning of the war because many doctors were called up for military duty and many people left town. But the authorities of the Clinic refused to be daunted; it has continued to receive patients and has enhanced its reputation. The number of treatments administered during the year was 4,128.

## BRAILLE BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

THE year's outstanding event in Braille publications has been the success of Braille "Pandas," a series of cheap, concise books on topical subjects and light fiction, which can be regarded as the Braille equivalent of the famous "Penguins." Two "Pandas" have been issued each month, and upwards of 2,500 copies of the first 15 books in the series have been supplied at the very low charge of 6d. net a volume. The following titles issued since the war began show how up-to-date is the series: *Blue Book of German-Polish Relations*, etc., Nicolson's *Why Britain is at War*, Micklem's *May God Defend the Right*, Curry's *Case for Federal Union*, and Keynes' *How to Pay for the War*. The value of the series to the blind as a means of contact with current events and ideas has been enhanced by the inclusion in it of Sir John Hammerton's *World Digest*. It is issued each month in "Panda" format, and its circulation would probably leap at once into the thousands were it not strictly limited by the rationing of paper.

The shortage of paper as a result of the stoppage of sea-borne traffic from Scandinavia was foreseen and, to some extent, forestalled. Economies in production have been made, but the business of producing books and periodicals for the blind will be gravely hampered if special consideration is not given to the need for Braille.

The Institute has every confidence that if a special plea has to be made for the paper which enables the blind to read and write, the kindest view will be taken by those in authority.

The year's Braille production was as follows:—*Books*: 31,658 bound volumes, 16,319 pamphlets; *Periodicals*: 518,611 newspapers (and supplements), 193,197 magazines (and supplements). The number of metal plates embossed (books and periodicals) was 23,626.

The new titles issued apart from "Pandas" amounted to about 120. These included *A Book of Limericks*, *Selected Farces*, Cronin's *Citadel*, Masfield's *Dead Ned*, Step's *British Insect Life*, *Outline of Church History*, Byrd's *Alone*, a Greek Grammar, books on Chess and Bridge, a Cookery Book, a Gazetteer, a book of patterns, *War Hoolies*, and War Maps of the Western Front and Scandinavia.

Rationing of paper has led to rationalisation of periodicals. The twenty separate Braille newspapers and magazines published before the war have, by a process of amalgamation, become sixteen, and in the first week of September an emergency Printing Works was established at Brighton. From here *The National Braille Times* was issued, giving to blind readers the news of the week and the wireless programmes in a single publication. All things considered, the reduction made in the reading



THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS : III.

In the lovely gardens of Chorleywood College the girls find relaxation from study in the acquisition of grace in movement.

matter of the blind has been intrinsically small. The Institute's periodicals have kept up a high standard of informative and recreational reading and enabled the blind to keep in touch with each other and with activities affecting their welfare.

A valuable technical development of Braille production is the adoption for Braille "Pandas,"

### MOON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

THE publications produced during the year in Moon type, the embossed type which can be easily learnt by those who lose their sight in later life, consisted of 6,479 volumes, 9,003 pamphlets and cards, 49,625 newspapers and 10,289 magazines. Moon is printed from movable type, and 11,500 pages of type were set.

Moon reading is mainly recreational. Recent fiction includes *Sense and Sensibility*, *Goodbye Mr. Chips*, *Jalna*, and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*; non-fiction, Fisher's *Napoleon* and Von Rintelen's *Dark Invader*. The Moon periodicals include a weekly newspaper—probably the most concise tabloid of news in the world—two general magazines and two religious papers. One of these, *The Moon Messenger*, is particularly interesting because its Editor, the Rev. Wellesley Orr, Vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston

including *World Digest*, of the Spirax wire coil binding, which enables a volume to be opened flat and turned back if desired, a great boon to the blind reader. It also allows more Braille characters to the page, as it narrows the binding margin. The same principle is being applied to loose-leaf note-books and catalogues.

Hill, has made his readers members of his own church by bringing them in spirit to certain specified services.

Moon throws a kindly light over the later years. Consider such messages as these:—"Mrs. Allen is now over 80 and finds the Moon books a great comfort in her lonely hours." "My brother, poor fellow, is stone deaf as well as blind, and reading Moon is the only link he now has with the outside world." "Mrs. Wiggins learnt to read Moon type at 77 years of age and now at 80 enjoys reading Moon publications."

Moon production is faced with heavy expenditure in the coming year. One of the presses must be replaced; the plates of many portions of the Moon Bible are worn out and must be reset; a new catalogue of Moon books must be issued.

### BRAILLE MUSIC AND BLIND MUSICIANS

BRAILLE Music Notation differs from Staff Notation in being written horizontally, not perpendicularly. It is written bar by bar, the music for the left hand being divided from the music of the right hand by a space, and the bars separated by a short upright line of 3 dots. Chords are shown by figuring the lowest note; marks of expression precede or follow the music characters.

Braille music is issued in volume and pamphlet form, the latter being the equivalent of sheet music. During the year, 1,353 volumes and 8,079 pamphlets have been published, comprising 253 musical works; the number of music plates embossed was 1,914. The new catalogue shows that the needs of blind musicians for all types of music, from classics to the latest

songs and dances, are met, and eminent musicians have admired the variety and high standard of the music available in Braille.

Students are catered for by the publication of music in the syllabuses of the principal examination bodies and music competition festivals, and by a Manuscript Music Library of works mainly required for study. Thirty-two new works have been added to the Library this year.

As much help as possible is given to blind musicians, music teachers and students. They can practice on the Institute's organ; examination papers are transcribed in Braille; training scholarships are available for organists and vocalists; and general assistance is given by an Employment Bureau.

### TALKING BOOKS

"THE Talking Book is, with the exception of my husband, the greatest joy of my life."

These words of a blind woman, very happily married, charmingly disclose the nature of the relationship between the blind and the Talking Book—that most ingenious device by

which literature is recorded on large gramophone discs and "played" on special machines. To those who lose their sight in adult life the voice of the Talking Book is like the voice of a friend calling them from the sudden darkness to a renewal of their former interests. In the Talking



THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS: IV.

Young blind men and women who wish to enter the Massage profession study at the Massage School. The Principal, who is himself blind, gives instruction to the examination candidates.

Book Library, over 300 separate works—the cream of fiction, travel, politics, biography, plays, etc.—promise to the possessor of a Talking Book machine about 2½ years' reading matter at 4 hours a day, and yearly the Library grows by at least 50 or 60 new titles recorded here or in America.

The members of the Talking Book Library now number over 1,300, and the circulation of the 3,584 sets of records in the Library amounted last year to 22,365. There are 300 new machines on order. Typical books recorded during the year were *David Copperfield*, by Dickens, *Britain and the Dictators*, by Seton-Watson, *The King's Service*, by Ian Hay, *Insanity Fair*,

by Douglas Reed, and *The Constant Nymph*, by Margaret Kennedy.

The war has created difficulties in the production and circulation of Talking Books but has much increased the need for them. They are the ideal consolation for blind evacuees and refugees and other blind people isolated from social recreations. Two books at a time are now sent to all borrowers, so that they can always have a book in hand.

The latest technical development is a device to enable the blind user to place the needle on the first groove of a record and to stop it at any desired point without danger of scratching.

### APPLIANCES AND APPARATUS

MERELY to name the appliances, supplied by the Institute, which eliminate or reduce the handicap of blindness would fill several pages. They range from means enabling the blind to read, write and calculate, to means enabling them to do manual work and to join in games. The provision of such appliances is very costly, involving a loss of about £4,000 a year, but so important is this service that further substantial reductions in the prices of appliances to blind individuals were made before the war. Since the war began, the cost of manufacture has much increased, and in some cases it has been impossible to obtain supplies. But prices have still been kept lower than costs, and in spite of great difficulties new appliances have been made available. These include additional jig-saw puzzles and games; a style for writing Braille fitted with a non-

detachable sheath to cover the point, so that it can be carried in pocket or hand-bag; a large new embossed map of England and Wales for schools; a device to enable blind students to make geometrical and other designs, invented by a blind French ex-Service man, M. Leveau; a knitting clock for recording the number of rows and stitches, and a cheap alarm clock with an embossed dial.

Technical research has continued in several directions, and two interesting developments are a machine for making embossed maps and illustrations, designed by Major M. Du-Plat-Taylor, a member of the Institute's Technical Research Committee, and an appliance for writing Moon embossed characters which, by next year it is hoped, will solve a problem which has been the object of experiment for many years.

### PERSONAL SERVICES TO THE BLIND

A SPECIAL Department, administered by a blind man of wide experience, is concerned with a group of services which are best described as personal. As they are rendered to blind individuals they are as various as individual needs, and therefore difficult to classify. But broadly speaking, all aim to give that extra help or relief which is often urgently needed but which is not or cannot be rendered by the local agencies. This extra help is, however, always given with the consent, and if possible, the co-operation of the local agencies, and the main features of personal services are altering in proportion to the efficiency and comprehensiveness with which local agencies are now discharging their obligations.

Much of the assistance given is constructive; for example, establishing blind persons in business or arranging for the entry of qualified blind persons to the professions. Nearly all who have been helped in this way have become entirely self-supporting. During the year £2,986 was expended in helping blind students to enter the Universities or to take up other forms of higher education, and in addition to money provided for equipment, £367 was expended in allowances for blind persons entering the Massage profession.

Other help is in the form of relief. Maintenance grants to former blind employees of the Institute amounted to £1,116, and £2,819 was expended on various forms of personal assist-



THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS : V.

Shorthand-typing is a remunerative occupation for a capable blind woman. She takes down dictation at the usual speeds on her Braille "tape" machine and transcribes from the paper ribbon on an ordinary typewriter with perfect precision.

ance. There have been gifts of apparatus, books, games, and clothing, grants for holidays, and payments towards the cost of operations, removals, the services of a reader, wireless installations, evacuation expenses, and so on.

### EMPLOYMENT OF THE BLIND

THE Institute employs about 100 blind persons as regular members of the staff at its Headquarters, Branches, Homes, Schools, and Kiosks, in addition to those who are occasionally employed as home workers, Braille copyists, contributors to periodicals, etc. The work carried on by the blind employees includes administration, lecturing, teaching, money-raising, Braille transcription by hand and by machine, Braille proof-reading, collating, shorthand-typing and telephony, and kiosk management.

### BLIND HOME WORKERS

WHAT most blind people desire more than anything is to *earn* a living. The blind craftsman can do so, but he must have some help. He can make a first-rate basket, but how can he sell it? He can tune a piano perfectly, but how can he build up a connection? He can repair boots, but how can he secure customers?

Blind home workers are helped through a Scheme which covers the whole country. The National Institute administers the Scheme operating in the South-Eastern Counties and South London. In this area there are at present 303 home workers, the majority being piano-

The issue of vouchers which enable blind travellers to take advantage of the special facilities afforded by railway, coach and steamer companies is another service; during the year over 2,500 travelling vouchers were issued.

Despite difficulties caused by the war, all the Institute's "Blintraders" Kiosks have kept going and have given a livelihood to the blind salesmen in charge. Two Kiosks in the neighbourhood of Government offices have in fact increased their business. Kiosk management offers good employment to blind men or women of the right type, but an extension of the scheme depends entirely on the acquisition of suitable sites. The goodwill of the owners of such sites is therefore earnestly requested.

tuners, machine-knitters and basket-makers. The services rendered to them are training—there are at present 47 trainees—provision of equipment, supply of raw materials at lowest cost, supervision of manufacture and marketing of goods. The extent of this help and the intrinsic value of the products can be measured by the actual earnings of the home workers which amounted during the year to £10,847. The standard of work is high, and there is no better way of supplying household goods, and also of helping the blind, than buying blind-made baskets, brushes, mats, hosiery and other knitted goods.

### HOLIDAY AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES

DURING the year all the Institute's Homes were maintained and two new Homes were opened—a Holiday Home at Scarborough and a Residential Home for the Deaf-Blind at Harrogate.

"The Haven" at Scarborough is aptly named. Opened at the end of May, 1939, it proved immediately most popular and in its first season provided holidays for some 200 visitors. It is hoped to increase the capacity to 36 beds. "I will sleep in the greenhouse if need be," said one cheerful visitor, "but I *must* come back next summer!"

"Westlands," at Harrogate, was opened early in July, 1939, to accommodate 12 men and 12 women residents. "Our days are full of happiness," writes one of the 19 deaf-blind people at present living in the Home. "We

lead as normal a life as anyone else. We knit for the troops, read or write Braille, chat on our fingers, romp with the staff." A successful hearing-aid device, which enables some of the deaf-blind to converse normally and to enjoy the wireless, has been installed in this Home, thanks to the kindness of Dr. Phyllis Kerridge, who raised the necessary funds privately.

The Institute continues to take an interest in the Holiday Home for the Deaf Blind at Hoylake, which is managed by Mr. G. Holme and a Local Committee on behalf of the Deaf-Blind Helpers' League. To ensure the expansion of its work the Institute acquired a larger and more suitable house, but, unfortunately, the outbreak of war made it impossible to proceed with the plans.



THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS : VI.

Years of careful and exacting labour enable the blind machine-transcriber to transliterate into Braille characters letterpress books in all languages and on all subjects, for the benefit of her blind fellows.

"Bamrow," the Convalescent and Holiday Home at St. Leonards, has lived up to its reputation as one of the brightest and happiest homes in England, and during the year has accommodated 625 holiday guests, 20 permanent residents and 39 evacuees.

"Wavertree House" at Hove and the Guest House at Leamington have continued as peaceful and happy homes for blind women, and local friends in both districts have been unwearied in kindness.

## GENERAL NATIONAL SERVICES

**I**N addition to the specific services which have been detailed, the Institute renders certain general services to which only the briefest reference is possible.

**The Deaf-Blind.**—Continuous attention is given to this problem by a Consultative Committee of experts on the blind and on the deaf. A valuable survey of the problem in the Northern Counties area has been made, but a similar survey in the Southern Regional area has had to be discontinued during the war. The newly established Home for the Deaf-Blind has already been mentioned.

**Epileptic Blind Children.**—The Institute has for some years been at pains to make an arrangement for the education of blind children rejected from schools for the blind because of epilepsy. The National Society of Epileptics has been most co-operative in this matter, and an agreement has been made by which the Institute helps to meet the cost of special provision for blind epileptic children at the Society's Chalfont St. Giles Colony.

**Blindness in India.**—The Institute's India Sub-Committee has issued a booklet setting out the problems of blindness in this vast country and making certain suggestions for their solution. In preparing it, the greatest reliance was placed on the late Sir Michael O'Dwyer, who contributed a foreword. Over 1,000 copies have been distributed in India. Co-operation with the India Red Cross continues to be close, and grants have been made towards the production of a prevention film, and towards further propaganda in the villages.

**Prevention of Blindness.**—The work of the Sub-Committee which is concerned with research

into the causes of blindness and its prevention, has been interrupted by the war, but a continuous watch has been kept on the problem.

**Information.**—The Information Bureau has answered enquiries on all branches of blind welfare, many of them coming from foreign countries, and valuable additions have been made to the Reference Library. Several N.I.B. Bulletins and Information Leaflets have been issued. The Institute's letterpress journal *The New Beacon* has continued its useful function as the organ of blind welfare in this country.

**Propaganda.**—Intensive propaganda to further the cause of the blind has been carried on in the Press and by means of films and exhibitions of articles made for the blind and articles made by the blind.

**Unification of Collections.**—The voluntary Agencies for the Blind in agreement with the Institute for the unification of collections now number 98, covering the greater part of the country. In some areas the Institute collects, in others, the local Agency, but in all cases the needs of local and national agencies are met by joint collections for a common fund (*see p. 28*).

**Grants.**—Financial grants, irrespective of allocations, have been made when possible to help societies or objects needing funds (*see p. 27*).

**Affiliated Bodies.**—Two Funds initiated by the Institute are now affiliated to it. The British Wireless for the Blind Fund supplied 8,625 wireless sets during the year, making a total of 54,535 sets supplied. The Sir Beachcroft Towse Ex-Service Fund for the Blind has expended £2,512 in assisting 575 cases during the year.

**I**N concluding this Report, we wish again to express our sincere appreciation of the good work and untiring efforts of the Secretary-General, Mr. W. McG. Eagar, and of the Staff of the Institute and all its branches, in the cause of the blind.

**May the Blessing of Almighty God rest on our work, in the future as in the past years.**



*By courtesy of "The Yorkshire Evening News"*

THE SEVEN AGES OF BLINDNESS: VII.

In the tranquillity and comfort of one of the Institute's Homes, this old lady, aged 93, although deaf as well as blind, is able to listen to the wireless as she knits, by means of an aural aid.

## BALANCE SHEET, 31st MARCH, 1940

J. H. BATTY, *Member of Council.*

A. J. W. KITCHIN, *Honorary Sub-Treasurer.*

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.  
16th July, 1910.

JACKSON, PINLEY & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.

# GENERAL CHARITY FUND

## Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1940

EXPENDITURE		£		s.	d.	£		s.	d.
Braille and Other Publications Deficit						7,118	18	10	
Apparatus Account Deficit						3,308	5	3	
Home Industries Account Deficit						2,377	6	8	
Eichholtz Clinic Deficit						752	13	7	
EXPENDITURE ON HOMES AND SCHOOLS—									
Massage School		5,341	3	8					
Blind Babies Homes		14,079	12	10					
Chorleywood College		6,765	15	4					
Other Homes and Hostels		14,300	19	5					
Court Grange Special School		4,335	5	4					
						14,822	16	7	
Worcester College Deficit (see page 21)						2,467	8	3	
Worcester College—Grant for Capital Purposes						3,535	12	9	
PAYMENTS TO THE BLIND—									
Wages, etc., of Blind engaged in Management and Raising Revenue		4,177	9	1					
Augmentation of Wages paid to Blind (including Wages and expenses of their sighted guides)	4,872	9	8						
Higher Education and Training Fees	3,353	9	8						
Assistance and other expenses on behalf of Blind Persons	12,230	0	2						
						20,455	19	6	
Grants to Societies for the Blind		836	10	5					
						25,469	19	0	
UNIFICATION AGREEMENTS—									
Amounts distributed under Agreement (see page 28)—									
To National Library for the Blind	4,946	14	10						
To Other Participating Societies	25,840	7	1						
						30,787	1	11	
Amounts returned to Societies conducting collections		1,215	9	10					
Collections made on behalf of other Societies		351	2	7					
						32,353	14	4	
COST OF RAISING REVENUE—									
Salaries and Wages, etc., Sighted Blind Canvassers' Wages and Allowances (see Wages, etc., under "Payments to the Blind" above).	18,018	5	1						
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage and Telephone	4,312	3	10						
Rent Rates, Insurance, Fuel, Light, Cleaning and Repairs	1,829	13	7						
Collecting Boxes, Bazaars, Lectures, etc.	4,895	7	10						
Flag Days	1,535	9	7						
Proportion of Head Office Expenses charged to Raising Revenue	3,142	19	8						
						33,733	19	7	
Carried forward..						£155,970	14	10	
INCOME		£		s.	d.	£		s.	d.
SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS AND COLLECTIONS—									
Subscriptions, Donations and Appeals	29,399	3	7						
Collections, including Flag Days	65,125	1	10						
Receipts on behalf of other Societies—									
Contra	351	2	7						
Allocation from Greater London Fund	10,500	0	0						
Allocations from Blind Societies under Collecting Agreements	6,013	10	0						
						111,688	18	0	
MISCELLANEOUS						1,995	8	6	
DIVIDENDS, INTEREST AND RENTS						8,796	14	9	
AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF—									
Massage School	4,693	11	9						
Blind Babies Homes	7,323	14	3						
Chorleywood College	6,077	18	10						
Other Homes and Hostels	7,950	8	4						
Court Grange Special School	2,672	6	11						
						28,718	0	1	
GENERAL LEGACIES (see pages 26 and 27)	22,711	17	11						
Less Publicity	775	4	9						
						21,936	13	2	
BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET—									
Debit, General Account	15,688	14	0						
Deficit Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children	£1,315	18	0						
Add—Allocation, Chorleywood College and Worcester College	1,796	6	9						
						3,112	4	9	
						18,800	18	9	
						Carried forward		£191,936	13 3

# GENERAL CHARITY FUND—*continued*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..				155,970	11	10
COST OF MANAGEMENT—						
Salaries and Wages including Insurance, Sighted .. .. .				2,609	10	10
Salaries and Wages including Insurance, Blind ( <i>see</i> Wages, etc., under "Payments to the Blind" above), Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postage .. .. .				401	9	3
Alterations, Repairs and Maintenance ..				916	16	10
Rent, Rates, Insurance, Telephone, Fuel, Light and Cleaning .. .. .				801	11	0
Travelling and other Expenses .. .. .				1,031	13	5
				5,761	1	4
OTHER EXPENSES—						
Benefvolent Allowances .. .. .				245	10	0
Audit Fee, Legal and Professional Charges ..				396	14	0
Pension Scheme Contribution .. .. .				3,028	9	10
War Emergency and A.R.P. Expenses ..				1,988	8	0
Miscellaneous .. .. .				374	7	3
				6,033	9	1
LEGACIES TRANSFERRED TO BALANCE SHEET—						
General Account .. .. .				20,828	1	11
Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children .. .. .				1,108	11	3
				21,936	13	2
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION—						
Freeholds and Leaseholds .. .. .				1,494	10	10
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment .. .. .				740	4	0
				2,234	14	10
				£191,936	13	3

Brought forward      £      s.      d.  
191,936    13    3

£191,936 13 3

# ARMITAGE MEMORIAL FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To National Institute for the Blind General Charity Fund Account (included in Dividends, Interest and Rents)	122 0 0	By Cash received from the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers .. .. .	122 0 0
	<u>£122 0 0</u>		<u>£122 0 0</u>

# ARMITAGE FUND FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF BLIND WRITERS

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Amounts paid to and Services on behalf of Blind Writers	57 3 9	By Cash received from the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers .. .. .	111 5 6
Surplus taken to National Institute for the Blind—General Charity Fund Account .. . . .	54 1 9		
	<u>£111 5 6</u>		<u>£111 5 6</u>

# BAILEY BEQUEST

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To General Charity Fund for General Purposes .. . . .	254 4 10	By Dividends on Investment .. . . .	559 6 4
General Charity Fund for Assistance to Necessitous Blind .. . . .	254 4 10		
(The above items are included in General Charity Fund—National Institute for the Blind, under Dividends, Interest and Rents)			
London Association for the Blind .. . . .	25 8 4		
Barclay Workshops for Blind Women .. . . .	25 8 4		
	<u>£559 6 4</u>		<u>£559 6 4</u>

# SALOMON'S BEQUEST

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To National Institute for the Blind—General Charity Fund Account (included in Dividends, Interest and Rents) .. . . .	497 0 0	By Dividends on Investment .. . . .	497 0 0
	<u>£497 0 0</u>		<u>£497 0 0</u>

# LEEDS EMBOSSED BOOKS FUND

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Cash at Bank, 1st April, 1939 .. . . .	15 3	By Amounts expended on goods supplied to Leeds Institution .. . . .	40 3 4
Amount received from the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers .. . . .	47 17 19	Cash at Bank, 31st March, 1940.. .. .	8 11 5
Deposit Interest .. . . .	1 8		
	<u>£48 14 9</u>		<u>£48 14 9</u>

NOTE.—The Capital Stock of this Fund is held in trust by the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers, and the dividends received and paid over by them are for the supply of Braille Literature, etc., for the benefit of the Blind of Leeds and District.

# THE HENRY STAINSBY MEMORIAL GIFT FUND FOR THE BLIND

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank, 1st April, 1939 .. .. .	63	11	1	By Amounts expended in Gifts .. .. .	68	5	9
Dividends on Investment .. .. .	63	5	1	Cash at Bank, 31st March, 1940 .. .. .	58	18	1
Deposit Interest .. .. .		7	8				
	<u>£127</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£127</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

J. H. BATTY, *Member of Council.*

A. J. W. KITCHIN, *Honorary Sub-Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account with the books and vouchers of the Fund, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith, and, in our opinion correct.

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.  
16th July, 1940.

JACKSON, PIXLEY & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants, Auditors.*

NOTE.—The Capital Stock of the Fund, £1,897 11s. 2d. 3½<sup>0</sup> Conversion Loan Inscribed Stock, is held in trust by the National Institute for the Blind.

Owing to the need for economy in paper a number of subsidiary accounts published in previous years, the net result of which appear in the General Charity Fund Account, are this year omitted.

Details of these accounts will gladly be given on request.

## THE MOON SOCIETY Balance Sheet, 31st March, 1940

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account .. .. .				Freehold Property } At Cost less	3,830	8	10
General Purposes Fund .. (Deficit)	86	15	7	Printing Machinery } amounts written off	1,050	11	6
Add : Legacies .. .. .	1,797	8	5	Furniture and Fittings .. .. .	123	3	6
	<u>1,710</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	(at cost or as valued independently in 1935 less Depreciation)			
Add : Balance from General Charity Fund Account .. .. .	174	10	9	Investments .. .. .	20,465	18	5
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances ..					25,170	5	3
				Stock as valued by Officials of the Society ..	1,421	17	8
				Sundry Debtors, less Reserve for Doubtful Debts .. .. .	856	18	8
				Cash at Bank and in Hand .. .. .	369	2	9
					<u>£28,118</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>£28,118</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>				

J. H. BATTY, *Member of Council* } *National Institute for the*  
A. J. W. KITCHIN, *Honorary Sub-Treasurer* } *Blind*

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet at the 31st March, 1940, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Society.

JACKSON, PIXLEY & CO.,

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.  
16th July, 1940.

*Chartered Accountants, Auditors.*

**THE MOON SOCIETY—continued**

**Publications Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1940**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Stock at 1st April, 1939 .. ..	1,008	4 3	By Sale of Books .. .. .	1,821	7 11
Production Salaries and Wages ..	1,433	1 7	Sale of Magazines and Newspapers ..	968	3 0
Health and Unemployment Insurance, etc. .. ..	51	1 1		2,792	10 11
Materials for Transcribing, Embossing, Binding, etc. .. ..	1,041	0 10	Less Reductions allowed from Cost Price of Books, etc. .. .. .	1,234	17 3
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Carriage and Packing .. ..	205	12 11		1,557	13 8
Fuel, Light, Water and Power .. ..	133	18 9	Miscellaneous .. .. .	259	13 1
Rates, Insurance and Telephone ..	12	0 5	Stock at 31st March, 1940 .. ..	1,421	17 8
Repairs and Maintenance of Premises and Machinery .. ..	113	11 2	Gross Loss carried down .. .. .	1,495	19 9
General Expenses .. .. .	11	15 9			
Depreciation—					
Freehold .. .. .	201	12 0			
Plant .. .. .	116	14 11			
Furniture and Fittings .. ..	19	17 6			
	338	1 5			
Stock Reserve .. .. .	264	5 3			
A.R.P. Expenses .. .. .	92	4 9			
	£4,735	4 2		£4,735	4 2
To Gross Loss brought down .. ..	1,495	19 9	By Grant, Local Government Act, 1929 ..	1,875	0 0
Management Expenses and other Salaries ..	940	11 8	Net Loss carried to General Charity Fund Account .. .. .	581	8 10
Travelling Expenses .. .. .	9	4 5			
Audit Fee .. .. .	10	10 0			
	£2,456	8 10		£2,456	8 10

**General Charity Fund Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1940**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Net Loss transferred from Publications Account ..	581	8 10	By Subscriptions and Donations .. ..	3	19 6
Gifts .. .. .	5	2 8	Dividends .. .. .	570	19 1
Augmentation of Wages—Blind Staff .. ..	114	11 8	Income Tax Recovered .. .. .	164	10 0
Annuity payable under the Will of the late Miss A. E. C. Moon .. ..	20	0 0		735	9 1
Pension Scheme Contributions .. .. .	86	7 8	Rents .. .. .	212	13 0
Legacies—transferred to Balance Sheet .. ..	1,797	8 5	Legacies—		
Balance carried to Balance Sheet .. ..	174	10 9	Miss Isabella Bruce .. .. .	1,791	18 5
			G. C. Cattlin .. .. .	2	10 0
	£2,779	10 0		1,797	8 5
				£2,779	10 0

WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND, WORCESTER  
Balance Sheet at 31st March, 1940

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Capital Account .. .. .	11,380	14	1				Freehold Property .. .. .				
Add : Grants—							Leasehold Property .. .. .				
National Institute for the							Furniture and Fixtures .. .. .				
Blind .. .. .	3,535	12	9				Investments at cost .. .. .				
Other Sources .. .. .	22	19	0				Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances, less				
				17,939	5	10	Reserve for Doubtful Debts .. .. .				
Deduct : Balance of Income											
and Expenditure Account											
for the year ended 31st											
March, 1940.. .. .	2,567	8	3								
Less : Legacy—Mrs. Fanny											
Jolly .. .. .	100	0	0								
Less : Grant—National Insti-											
tute for the Blind .. .. .	2,467	8	3								
				17,939	5	10					
Sundry Creditors and Credit											
Balances .. .. .											
National Institute for the Blind											
				£19,150	9	8					

COBHAM, *Chairman, Board of Governors.*  
A. J. W. KITCHIN, *Member, Board of Governors.*

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet at the 31st March, 1910, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the College's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the College.

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### Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1940

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Fees, Salaries of Teachers, Matrons, Servants, etc. . . . .	4,354	6 0	By Maintenance and other Fees . . . . .	4,245	11 8
Health and Unemployment Insurance, etc. . . . .	28	5 3	Grant, Board of Education . . . . .	1,111	1 7
Provisions . . . . .	860	0 2	Donations . . . . .	69	11 6
Laundry . . . . .	206	15 5	Dividends and Annuities . . . . .	300	10 8
Other Household Expenses and Sundries . . . . .	81	2 5	Miscellaneous Income . . . . .	33	0 8
Rent, Rates, Taxes, Insurance and Telephone . . . . .	357	10 3	Legacy—Mrs. Fanny Jolly . . . . .	100	0 0
Fuel, Light, Cleaning and Water . . . . .	424	15 11			
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Educational Books and Apparatus . . . . .	202	3 4		5,859	16 1
Medical Charges . . . . .	112	3 11	Appropriation of Endowment and Special Income (per contra) . . . . .	1,050	17 10
Travelling . . . . .	171	8 2	Deficit carried to Balance Sheet . . . . .	2,567	8 3
Renewals . . . . .	52	14 1			
Sports, Games, Dramatics, (etc.) . . . . .	291	9 10			
Teachers' Superannuation . . . . .	160	8 3			
Special Superannuation . . . . .	263	11 10			
	7,566	14 10			
Management Expenses . . . . .	370	5 3			
Legal and Other Charges . . . . .	50	1 3			
Upkeep of Buildings and Grounds (including Repairs) . . . . .	221	9 9			
Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts . . . . .	—	—			
A.R.P. Expenditure . . . . .	115	13 3			
Legacy—transferred to Balance Sheet . . . . .	100	0 0			
	8,427	4 4			
Bursaries from Endowment and other Special Income (per contra) . . . . .	1,050	17 10			
	£9,478	2 2		£9,478	2 2

# ENDOWMENTS

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

(See page 18).

<b>General Account</b>			
	£	s.	d.
The H. F. Bailey Bequest ..	9,881	7	1
The Leopold Salomon's Endowment Fund ..	9,600	0	0
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund ..	9,505	0	11
The Miss Constance de Jong Bequest ..	7,973	13	1
The William Brown Hextall Bequest ..	5,633	19	4
The John Rae Campbell Endowment Fund ..	3,000	0	0
The Nuffield Endowment ..	2,500	0	0
The Mary Shaw Bequest ..	1,483	1	10
The Hornshaw Endowment ..	1,017	11	0
The Sir Alfred Jones Bequest ..	1,000	0	0
The Donald and Rosie Alderson Bequest ..	1,000	0	0
The Hextall Fund for Blind Law Students ..	655	0	0
The Blind Social Aid Society Fund ..	502	12	5
The Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkham Bequest ..	500	0	0
The Henry Eskell David Bequest ..	500	0	0
The Sir John Howard Bequest ..	200	0	0
The J. J. Crosfield Bequest ..	200	0	0
The Mrs. Ralph Partridge Bequest ..	150	0	0
The J. W. Comben Bequest ..	100	15	0
The Dr. Howell Rees Bequest ..	100	0	0
The Henry Ireland Bequest ..	100	0	0
The Rev. F. J. Hackett Bequest ..	100	0	0
The Louis Sterne Bequest ..	50	0	0
The Miss Mary Jesson Bequest ..	20	0	0
The Mrs. J. Rainsforth Bequest ..	11	6	1
	<u>£55,784</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

### Guest House for Blind Women, Leamington.

The Harry Urmson Hayes Fund ..	2,014	3	10
The Miss A. V. Allpress Endowment Fund ..	889	10	0
	<u>£2,903</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>

### Convalescent and Holiday Home, St. Leonards.

The Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Laing Bequest ..	£1,000	s. 0	d. 0
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### Chorleywood College.

The William Brown Hextall Bequest ..	2,999	4	6
The Nuffield Endowment ..	2,000	0	0
The James Gilbertson Bequest ..	500	0	0
The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest (After Care) ..	3,000	0	0
Fees Endowment Fund ..	1,200	0	0
	<u>£9,699</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

### SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

<b>General Account</b>			
	£	s.	d.
The James Attfield Bequest ..	£200	0	0

### Blind Babies Home, East Grinstead.

The "Dancing Times" Endowment ..	2,000	0	0
The Hornshaw Endowment ..	1,020	0	0
The Mrs. Lucy Block Bequest ..	561	3	11
The Mrs. A. R. Edwards Bequest ..	477	10	0
The Miss A. D. Spiers Bequest ..	477	10	0
The Mrs. F. Marks Bequest ..	450	0	0
The T. G. Sorby Bequest ..	107	14	3
The Miss Vaughan Chapman Bequest ..	100	0	0
The "Sunday League" Endowment ..	47	17	0
	<u>£5,241</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

### Blind Babies Home, Southport.

The Ernest Hallowell Barlow Bequest ..	752	11	5
The James Gilbertson Bequest ..	500	0	0
The Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest ..	105	0	0
	<u>£1,357</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>

TOGETHER .. £76,186 11 8

## THE MOON SOCIETY

The Miss A. E. C. Moon Endowment ..	£2,667	14	5
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## WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND, WORCESTER

The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest ..	4,000	0	0
General Endowment Fund ..	3,000	0	0
The Hextall Scholarship ..	3,000	0	0
The Nuffield Endowment ..	2,000	0	0
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund ..	250	0	0
The Blair and Forster Memorial Fund ..	200	4	7
The Swimming Bath Fund ..	113	3	8
The Himing Prize Fund ..	90	0	0
	<u>£12,653</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

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# LEGACIES, 1939/1940 *-continued.*

## SUNSHINE HOME FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

	£	s.	d.
Buchanan, Mrs. M. M. .. ..	10	0	0
Gray, Mrs. Mary Alexandra Louise ..	900	0	0
Jamieson, Mrs. Daisy .. ..	10	0	0
Motts, Miss Edith Jane .. ..	200	0	0
Rowland, Mrs. Lucy .. ..	51	3	2
	<u>£1,171</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
TOGETHER ..	<u>£22,711</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>

In addition, the following Legacies were bequeathed to the Institute during the year, and were Specifically Appropriated as below :—

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

### GUEST HOUSE FOR BLIND WOMEN, LEAMINGTON.

Hughes, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane .. ..	<u>£25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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### HOME FOR THE DEAF-BLIND, HARROGATE.

Woodcock, Mrs. Emily .. ..	<u>£250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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## SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

EAST GRINSTEAD.				£	s.	d.
Croall, Mrs. Agnes Allan .. ..	..	..	..	4	6	2
Hinchcliffe, Mrs. Emma .. ..	..	..	..	177	11	10
				<u>£181</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

### LEAMINGTON.

Kitchin, Mrs. Emma .. ..	..	..	..	210	0	0
Lea, Miss Ada Madeline .. ..	..	..	..	90	0	0
				<u>£300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

### SOUTHPORT.

Andrews, Thomas Malcolm .. ..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Brock, Miss Edith Matilda .. ..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Wells, William .. ..	..	..	..	13	4	0
				<u>£213</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

### COURT GRANGE SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN.

Hainmond, Mrs. Jane Anne .. ..	..	..	..	<u>£50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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# GRANTS TO SOCIETIES FOR THE BLIND, 1939/1940

Girl Guides Association .. ..	..	..	..	<u>£25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
East Sussex Association for the Blind ..	..	..	..	53	4	0
Esperanta Ligilo .. ..	..	..	..	10	2	2
Todmorden Society for the Blind .. ..	..	..	..	32	9	0
Southport Blind Social Committee .. ..	..	..	..	140	15	3
Jewish Blind Society .. ..	..	..	..	120	0	0
Norwich Institution for the Blind .. ..	..	..	..	250	0	0
St. Raphael's Home .. ..	..	..	..	30	0	0
Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs ..	..	..	..	175	0	0
				<u>£836</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

## STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1940

## NET AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION :-

	£	s.	d.
(A) From Areas worked by National Institute for the Blind ...	34,500	15	7
(B) From Areas worked by Other Participating Societies, including Greater London Fund for the Blind ...	16,513	10	0
	<u>£51,014</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

## DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS :-

National Institute for the Blind ...	20,227	3	8
National Library for the Blind ...	4,946	14	10
Other Participating Societies ( <i>see below</i> )...	25,840	7	1
	<u>£51,014</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

## ANALYSIS OF AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES :-

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE</b> —				<b>LINCOLNSHIRE</b> —			
Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind .. ..	659	16	3	Boston and Holland Blind Society .. ..	252	0	0
<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE</b> —				Grimsby Society for the Blind .. ..	58	14	1
Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind .. ..	235	9	11	Linsey (Lincs) Blind Society .. ..	382	4	9
<b>CHESHIRE</b> —				Lincoln Blind Society .. ..	145	14	3
Chester and District Blind Welfare Society .. ..	1,177	11	0	<b>NORFOLK</b> —			
Macclesfield Society for the Blind .. ..	171	19	8	Norwich Institution for the Blind .. ..	450	6	11
Stockport Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb .. ..	299	13	5	<b>NORTHUMBERLAND</b> —			
Wallasey Blind Welfare Committee .. ..	50	0	0	Newcastle Agencies for the Blind .. ..	1,445	0	11
<b>CORNWALL</b> —				<b>NORTH WALES</b> —			
Cornwall County Association for the Blind .. ..	671	18	1	North Wales Home Teaching Society for the Blind .. ..	86	9	1
<b>DEVON</b> —				<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE</b> —			
Devon County Association for the Blind .. ..	715	7	11	Royal Midland Institution for the Blind, Nottingham .. ..	228	7	9
Home for the Blind, Torr .. ..	60	0	0	<b>OXFORDSHIRE</b> —			
South Devon and Cornwall Institution for the Blind, Plymouth .. ..	511	4	1	Oxford Society for the Blind .. ..	479	7	1
West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter .. ..	505	5	8	<b>PEMBROKESHIRE</b> —			
<b>DORSET</b> —				Pembrokeshire Society for the Blind .. ..	87	17	6
Dorset County Association for the Blind .. ..	385	5	10	<b>SOMERSET</b> —			
<b>DURHAM</b> —				Bath Society for the Blind .. ..	177	8	4
Darlington Society for the Blind .. ..	277	1	9	Somerset County Association for the Blind .. ..	652	3	11
<b>ESSEX</b> —				<b>SUFFOLK</b> —			
Essex County Association for the Blind .. ..	436	9	3	West Suffolk Voluntary Blind Committee .. ..	180	17	6
Servers of the Blind League .. ..	90	2	2	<b>SURREY</b> —			
<b>GLOUCESTERSHIRE</b> —				Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind .. ..	365	11	6
Bristol Royal Blind Asylum and Workshops .. ..	1,429	6	8	<b>SUSSEX</b> —			
Gloucester (City) Society for the Blind .. ..	173	2	7	West Sussex Association for the Blind .. ..	432	15	1
Gloucester County Association for the Blind .. ..	1,121	12	9	<b>WILTSHIRE</b> —			
<b>HAMPSHIRE</b> —				Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind .. ..	909	16	1
Bournemouth Blind Aid Society .. ..	246	9	11	<b>YORKSHIRE</b> —			
<b>HEREFORDSHIRE</b> —				Cleveland and South Durham Institution for the Blind .. ..	742	0	1
Herefordshire County Association for the Blind .. ..	366	4	6	Colne and Holme Valley Local Blind Persons Committee .. ..	166	13	1
<b>HERTFORDSHIRE</b> —				Doncaster and District Home Teaching Association for the Blind .. ..	309	19	11
Hertfordshire Society for the Blind .. ..	279	7	2	Goole Local Blind Persons Committee .. ..	55	0	10
<b>ISLE OF MAN</b> —				Harrogate and District Blind Society .. ..	381	13	1
Manx Blind Welfare Society .. ..	438	13	2	Huddersfield and District Blind Society .. ..	200	11	7
<b>LANCASHIRE</b> —				Keighley and District Institution for the Blind .. ..	393	0	11
Ashton-under-Lyne, etc., Home Teaching Society for the Blind .. ..	221	9	4	Leeds Incorporated Institution for the Blind .. ..	1,701	6	3
Liverpool Workshops for the Blind .. ..	2,549	1	9	Rawmarsh Aged People's Treat Fund for the Blind .. ..	36	10	11
Homes for the Blind, Preston .. ..	610	11	0	Rotherham Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind .. ..	180	9	3
Oldham Blind Persons Act Committee .. ..	251	17	4	Saddleworth Local Blind Persons Committee .. ..	50	15	6
St. Helens and District Society for the Blind .. ..	335	17	2	Scarborough Society for the Blind .. ..	129	6	0
				Selby Local Blind Persons Committee .. ..	99	13	0
				Settle Local Blind Persons Committee .. ..	146	5	9
				Thorne Local Blind Persons Committee .. ..	24	1	7
				Wakefield and District Institution for the Blind .. ..	262	13	9
				Yorkshire School for the Blind .. ..	318	9	6

TOTAL, as above £25,810 7 1

# Epilogue

A blind member of the Institute's Council, after reading this Report in draft, asks that these words from him should be added :—

“ The Accounts in their present abbreviated form do not well bring out the magnitude of the Institute's work for the blind. I would like the public to realise that the N.I.B. maintained Homes and Schools last year at a cost of over £50,000 ; that it gave personal assistance in a great variety of ways to the value of over £20,000, and that under unification agreements and otherwise it distributed over £30,000 to other societies for the blind. Fully to appreciate the Institute's work you must be blind yourself. I want readers of the Report who have their sight to believe me when I say that the work of the National Institute robs blindness of half its sting, and to remember that in all its many ramifications it depends on voluntary contributions—in fact, on *their* help.”

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We deeply regret to record the death in the last year of the under-named friends of the blind :—

**William Henry Bennett**, an Inspector of Blind Welfare, Ministry of Health, and formerly Superintendent of the Royal Midland Institution for the Blind.

**Mrs. Louisa Campbell**, Principal of the Royal Normal College for the Blind (1929–1934).

\***W. G. Cleverly**, a member of the Music Sub-Committee of the National Institute for the Blind (1912–1922) and of the Braille Music Notation Committee.

**A. Dingwall Fordyce, M.D., M.B., F.R.C.P.**, Consulting Physician to the National Institute's Sunshine Home for Blind Babies at Southport.

**Alderman G. M. Green**, of Peterborough, a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

**Councillor J. L. P. Wharton Hewison, M.A.**, Chairman of the Southern Regional Association for the Blind and a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

**Miss Isabel Mary Heywood, O.B.E.**, founder of the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society.

\***Philip Edward Layton**, founder of the Canadian Federation of the Blind and of the Montreal Association for the Blind.

\***Sir Charles Lindsay**, of Montreal, a great benefactor to the blind of Canada.

**Dr. J. Middleton Martin**, Medical Officer of Health, Gloucestershire County Council, and a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind and its Finance Committee (1931–1935).

**Sir Michael O'Dwyer, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I.**, former Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind (1922–1938) and its Vice-Chairman (1923–1930), Chairman of the Institute's Finance Committee (1925–1929), Chairman of the Institute's India Sub-Committee and a Vice-President of the Institute.

**George Orchard**, Chairman, Fellowship House, Home for the Deaf-Blind, Hoylake.

**Councillor William Owen, J.P.**, ex-Mayor of Swansea, and a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

**Harvey Forshaw Plant, M.C.**, a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind (1926–1932), and of the Greater London Fund Committee.

**Charles Edward Rose**, Hon. Superintendent of St. Dunstan's (1915–1917), and organiser for the National Institute of the rowing activities of the Sports Club for the Blind.

**Miss Barbara E. Urmson**, Hon. Secretary, Oxford Society for the Blind and (1924–1937) of Midland Counties Association for the Blind, and a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

\*Signifies blind.



To the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, 224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET,  
LONDON, W.1.

I ..... of .....  
(name in full) (address)

hereby covenant with the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND that for a period of seven years from the ..... day of ..... 19 ..... or during my life whichever period shall be shorter I will pay annually to the said Institute such a sum as will after deduction of income tax leave in the hands of the Institute a net sum of £ ..... (figures) ( ..... ) (words) such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income so that I shall receive no personal or private benefit in either of the said periods from the said sum or any part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ..... day of ..... 19 .....  
(words)

Signed sealed and delivered by the said .....  
(Signature of Subscriber)

in the presence of

Signature .....

Address .....

Occupation .....

Witness to  
Signature  
of Subscriber.



[P.T.O.]

## NOTICE TO ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS

By filling in the seven-year covenant form on the back of this Notice a subscriber, at no extra personal cost, can increase the value of a subscription by the amount of Income Tax which has been paid on the subscription.

Tax on covenanted subscriptions is recoverable by the National Institute for the Blind in accordance with the following scale :—

<i>Annual Subscription to be paid by subscriber</i>			<i>Income Tax (at 8/6 in £), recoverable by Institute from Inland Revenue</i>			<i>Total value of subscription to N.I.B.</i>		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	10	6		7	9		18	3
1	1	0		15	6	1	16	6
2	2	0	1	11	0	3	13	0
3	3	0	2	6	7	5	9	7
4	4	0	3	2	1	7	6	1
5	5	0	3	17	7	9	2	7
10	10	0	7	15	2	18	5	2
21	0	0	15	10	5	36	10	5
50	0	0	36	19	1	86	19	1

If a subscriber who covenants for seven years is assessable for SUR-TAX he is entitled to deduct the full amount of his subscription (including the amount of tax) in his Sur-Tax return, and thus save the payment of Sur-Tax on that sum.

The agreement is terminable by death.

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To the Honorary Treasurers of the

Date.....

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# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

(Registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920)

224, 226 &amp; 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1

I have pleasure in assisting the Institute in the following manner:—

	£	s.	d.
Annual Subscription ... ..	:	:	:
Annual Subscription increased by ...	:	:	:
Donation ... ..	:	:	:
<b>TOTAL £</b>	:	:	:

Enclosed, please find ..... value

(Name)

(Please state whether Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)

(Address)

Cheques should be made payable to the "National Institute for the Blind," and crossed "Westminster Bank Ltd." You can save yourself trouble in renewing your subscription in the future by filling in form 3 (see over). You can, at no expense to yourself, increase your subscription to the extent of the amount of income tax paid on it by filling in form 1.

Subscribers who have current bank accounts are invited to sign, detach and return to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, W.1, this Bankers' Order for the payment of Annual Subscriptions. After a record has been made, it will be forwarded by the Institute to the Bankers named. In this way all future trouble in renewing the payment is avoided, and the Bankers will pay the amount direct without further order. This Order can be withdrawn at any time.

## BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Bankers .....

Date .....

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Branch Address .....

**Pay** to the Account of the **National Institute for the Blind** at THE WESTMINSTER BANK Ltd. (Harley Street Branch, 154 Harley Street, W.1), my Subscription of ..... now, and continue to pay the amount  
(PLEASE INSERT AMOUNT IN WORDS)  
 yearly on the 1st of ..... in each year until further notice, without application.

Signature .....

Address .....

2d.

Stamp

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(PLEASE INSERT AMOUNT IN FIGURES)



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# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Incorporated 1902. Registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.\*

## FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 1

The following form of bequest is recommended to those who may be desirous of assisting the Institute by way of a specific legacy :—

I give to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, the sum of ..... pounds

(free of legacy duty) for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

## FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 2

The following form of bequest is recommended if it is desired to leave the residue of an estate to the Institute :—

I give the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever and where-soever both real and personal and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

NOTE.—Property of all kinds, including land of any tenure and also including money lent on mortgage and the securities therefor, may lawfully be given to charitable institutions by Will. The above forms can be readily adapted to such gifts by the substitution of a description of the land, mortgage, etc., for the words “ the sum of ..... ”

Legacies may be left to form an endowment to be named after the benefactor or a nominee of the benefactor. In this case there should be added after the words “ the sum of.....,” “ to form an endowment to be called ‘ The.....Bequest.’ ”

The form of bequest should be incorporated in the Will, which should be signed and witnessed as shown on the back of this form.

If desired, the Institute is willing to act as Trustee.

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When a Will has been made, and it is afterwards desired to benefit the National Institute, it will be sufficient if the form below is filled in, duly signed and witnessed as below, and carefully attached to the existing Will.

# **This is a Codicil to the last Will of me**

..... dated .....  
(Name in full) (Date of Will)

I give to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1, for the general purposes of the Institute, the sum of

..... (£.....)  
(words) (figures)  
 free of Duty, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this ..... day  
(words)  
 of ..... 19 ..

Signed by the Testator as and for a Codicil to  
 Testatrix  
 his last Will dated .....  
(Insert date of Will)  
 in the presence of us, both present at the same  
 time, who at his request, and in his presence,  
 her her  
 and in the presence of each other, have hereunto  
 set our names as witnesses.

.....  
(Signature of Testator or Testatrix)

Witnesses should sign here

(1) ..... of .....  
 .....  
 (Profession) .....  
 (2) ..... of .....  
 .....  
 (Profession) .....

A  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
FROM CAPTAIN SIR  
BEACHCROFT TOWSE,  
V.C.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE  
FOR THE BLIND

224-8 Gt. Portland Street, W.1

We have adopted as our War-time motto:

“The National Institute for the Blind is continuing its work whatever happens.”

I know you will again help us. The blind need what we do more than ever and, moreover, we are working with the Local Societies for the Blind throughout the country to care for any people, men, women or children, who may be blinded in air raids.

*E. B. F. Towse.*

